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Bruſſels, May 12. *N. S.*

LEtters from Spain of the 22d of the laſt Month, confirm the Account we received of the Impriſonment of the Duke of Medina Celi, who was Arreſted on the 15th in the Office of the Secretary of State, by Monſieur Idiaquez, Major of the Guards, who conducted him to Torre de Lodones, five Leagues from Madrid; from whence he was conveyed to the Caſtle of Segovia by Mr. Patrick Norris. The Duke of Anjou will not permit any of his Domeſticks to attend him, or give his Friends leave to viſit him. Since the Confinement of this great Miniſter, it is ſaid that eighteen Couriers have been diſpatched to ſeveral parts of the Kingdom; and Guards have been planted about the City to prevent any Perſons going from Court. It is reported, the Duke of Anjou reſolved on theſe Meaſures, after having read a Letter of the late Marquis d'Aſtorga, who was perſwaded by his Confeſſor, on his Death-bed, to diſcover to the Duke whatever had been tranſacted which might be prejudicial to his Intereſts. That Prince hath delayed his Departure for Arragon on this Occaſion; and expects an Account of the Poſture of Affairs on that Frontier from the Marquis de Villadarias, who left Madrid on the 15th in order to aſſemble the Army, before he ſets out for the Field. Theſe Letters add, that the Council of Madrid have invited ſeveral of the chief Merchants to Court, that they might concert with them the proper Meaſures for reſtoring their Navigation on the Ancient Eſtabliſhment, and for maintaining ſix Men of War, two Frigots and four Galleys, for the Security of their Trade. Theſe Letters add, that they received an Account of the Arrival of the Engliſh Fleet at Port Mahon, from whence nine Men of War, with twelve Merchantmen, were to continue their Voyage to Barcelona, whilſt three others that were damaged by a Storm refitted in that Port. Eight Engliſh and Dutch Men of War, which Wintered in that Harbour, were preparing to Sail for the Streights.

From the Camp before Douay, May 8. *N. S.* On the 5th at Night we were employed in finiſhing the Batteries that were drawn the Night before. On the 6th we advanced two new Parallels, that on the Left of eight hundred, and that on the Right of five hundred Paces, with very little Loſs, though the Beſieged have brought a great number of Cannon and Mortars againſt our Works, with which they make a continual Fire. The ſame Night we run a Trench towards a Redoubt on the Right of the Prince of Anhalt's Attack, in order to raiſe a Battery againſt it, and made a Work on the Left of the Prince of Naſſau Friez-land's Attack, to cover our Approaches on that ſide from the Fire of the Fort d'Eſcarpe. Laſt Night between nine and ten the Beſieged made a Salley upon our Left Attack with one thouſand Foot and two hundred Dragoons, commanded by the Duke de Mortemart, a Brigadier, which put our Workmen into ſome Diſorder, and overthrew ſome Paces of our Parallel. Colonel Sutton's Regiment, which was the firſt of thoſe that covered the Workmen, ſuffered conſiderably; but Major-General Macartney came to their Relief with the other Regiments that were in the Trenches, and repulſed the Enemy. We alſo repaired the Damage they had done our Works, finiſhed the Parallels, and began a Communication between them, which will not be perfected 'till this Night. At the ſame time we finiſhed a Battery of eight Pieces of Cannon againſt the Redoubt on the Right, which began to Fire this Morning at break of Day. The greateſt part of our heavy Artillery and Ammunition that is to be employed in the Siege, is arrived at Tournay; and for its more convenient Tranſportation from thence by Water to the Camp, a ſufficient number of armed Boats is provided, to ſecure them againſt the Gallies the Enemy have at Condé; and we are weighing up the Boats they ſunk at Marchienne to obſtruct the Navigation of the Scarpe. On the 6th Inſtant the Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Savoy viewed the Camp between Lens and Vitry, which our Army is to take, if the Enemy ſhall aſſemble their Forces on that ſide during the Siege. We have an Account from Arras, that the Mareſchal de Villars is not expected there before the 12th Inſtant. A Drummer is juſt now come out of the Town, to enquire after ſeveral Officers and Soldiers who are miſſing ſince laſt Night's Action. Lieutenant-Colonel Gledhill, of Colonel Sutton's Regiment, was dangerouſly wounded, and is now a Priſoner in the Town.

From the Camp before Douay, May 12. *N. S.* The greateſt part of our heavy Artillery for the Siege, arrived in the Camp on the 9th; and that no time might be loſt while we are clearing the Paſſage of the Scarpe, ſeveral hundreds of the Waggons of the Army have been employed for three Days paſt in bringing the Ammunition forward from Tournay, whence the reſt of our Artillery is expected in a Day or two; in the mean time we have advanced our Approaches to the firſt Ditch, and finiſhed a Battery of twenty four Pieces of Cannon and eight Mortars at each Attack, which will be ready to Fire to Morrow Morning, in order to diſmount the Enemy's Guns, and ruin their Defences. On Saturday all the Quarter-Maſters were ordered to go and mark the Ground appointed for ranging our Army in order of Battel, from the Right at Montigny near Henin Lietard, to the Left at Vitry, and three thouſand Workmen are likewiſe ordered thither, to be employed in ſuch Places as may be neceſſary for making Batteries, or otherwiſe improving the Ground to the beſt Advantage. The Enemy's Troops continue to aſſemble in different Bodies; but do not yet begin to draw together. It is ſaid the Mareſchal de Villars is expected on theſe Frontiers to Morrow.

Hague, May 9. *N. S.* The French Miniſters have ſignified to the Council of State, that they had received no new Inſtructions by the laſt Courier who returned from Verſailles, and deſired that what the Deputies had declared to them at the laſt Conference might be ſent to them in Writing; but it was reſolved, that the Anſwers to this Requeſt ſhould be made by Monſieur Petecum, who is inſtructed to inform them, that the Principals were of the ſame Opinion with their Deputies, that all further Conferences would be uſeleſs, if they had nothing new to offer; at the ſame time he is authorized to acquaint thoſe Miniſters that they were at liberty to return to the Court of France. Purſuant to theſe Inſtructions, Monſieur Petecum hath this Day diſpatched an Expreſs to Gertruydenberg. Meſſieurs Buys and Vander-Duſſen arrived here yeſterday; the one from Amſterdam, and the other from Tergau. The ſame Evening they had a Conference with the Penſionary Heinſius, at which Count Zinzendorf and the Lord Townſhend aſſiſted. It is reported, that ſome Millions of Florins will be ſpeedily raiſed by another Lottery.

Hague, May 13. *N. S.* The French Miniſters at Gertruydenberg have, in anſwer to what Monſieur Petecum ſignified to them by the order of the Council of State, deſired the Reſident to inform them, that they were preparing to return to Paris; that their heavy Baggage was to ſet out this Day, or to Morrow, and that they themſelves deſigned to follow on the 14th or 15th Inſtant. Monſieur Buys is returned to Amſterdam, and Monſieur Vander-Duſſen to Gouda. The Duke of Wolfembuttel is ſpeedily expected here, in his way to Aix-la-Chapelle. The Prince Hereditary, his Son, is going to ſolemnize his Marriage with the Princeſs Dowager of Holſtein Ploen.

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